

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Kazuo Asami, et al.

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For: APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND METHOD  
FOR INFORMATION PROVIDING  
BUSINESS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Rewrite claim 4 as follows:

4. (Amended) The apparatus for information providing business according to any one of claims 1 or 2, wherein the provision medium is a web page publicized on the Internet.

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in order to place the application in better form for examination. Favorable action on the application is solicited.

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**MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE**

4. (Amended) The apparatus for information providing business according to any one of claims 1 [to 3] or 2, wherein the provision medium is a web page publicized on the Internet.